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Hon. Ron Jones, Chairman
Tennessee Regulatory Authority
460 James Robertson Parkway
Nashville, Tennessee 37243

RE: Docket No 05-00244

Dear Chairman Jones:

This letter is submitted to you in support of the ESG Pipeline (JC), LLC ("ESG") application for a Certificate of Convenience and Necessity to operate a Processed Methane Gas Distribution System in Johnson City

The proposed ESG pipeline is a vital portion of a Landfill Gas to Energy project that will provide some of our largest commercial energy consumers with an economical alternative to natural gas. Additionally and more importantly, this project will give our City and its citizens a new source of revenue while providing a beneficial use for an otherwise wasted renewable resource.

The City of Johnson City strongly encourages the Tennessee Regulatory Authority to approve the ESG application. Any opportunity to expedite this application is greatly appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter

Very Truly Yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Steve Darden', written over the typed name.

Stephen M. Darden,
Mayor